GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417
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ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE OF SEISMOLOGY RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consultants of the Japan International Community Agency (JICA) took initiative for financial support for the establishment of Institute of Seismology Research;

(b) whether the project proposal was submitted to DST on 8.1.2002 with a strong recommendation to initiate suitable action to obtain 100% grant from JICA considering the destruction due to earthquake and financial crisis faced by Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details of the project submitted to his department; and

(d) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2417 DUE 30.07.2002 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE OF SEISMOLOGY RESEARCH

A proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat for setting- up of Seismological Research Institute.An Expert Group was constituted to concretize the proposal and work out the details including the estimated cost and possible financing patterns and mechanism. The Expert Group has submitted its report and action has been initiated to process the proposal further. The Gujarat State Government is exploring the possibility for partially funding the envisaged activities of the Institute from International Agencies like the World Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).The core activities of the Institute include earthquake hazard mapping, monitoring and research using latest technological tools and approaches. The Department of Science & Technology is supporting a number of research projects for earthquake hazard studies in Gujarat. Action for scaling up these studies has already been initiated.
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